



## LESSON 8

REFERENCES: LUKE 17:11-19; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 262-266, 348.

# One Said Thank You

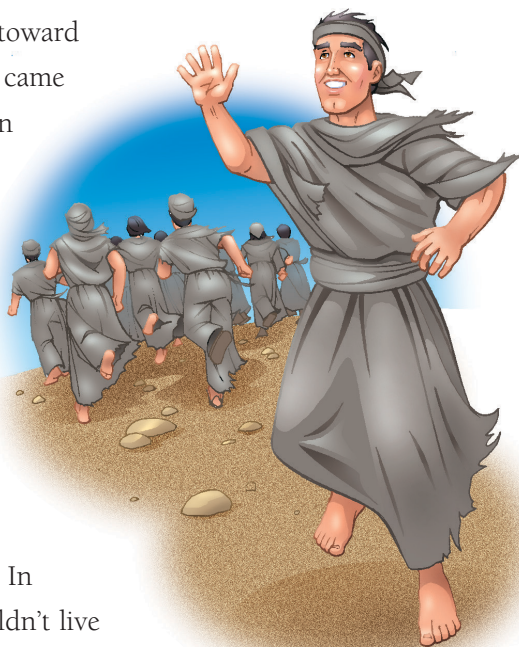
*Have you ever given something special to someone who didn't say thank you? How did that make you feel? Once Jesus helped some men get well. What do you think they did?*

**J**esus and His disciples walked toward Jerusalem. Along the way they came to a small village where 10 men called from a distance. "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

Jesus knew they had sores from leprosy on their face or hands or feet. They could not feel anything. They might cut their foot and not know it. They could burn their

finger and not feel it.

However, that wasn't the worst part. In Jesus' time lepers couldn't live in the village with their families because they might give their families or other people leprosy. People would go outside the village and set out food for them and hurry away. If someone came close by



### Memory Verse

"God, I will  
praise you  
forever."

PSALM 30:12, NIV.

### The Message

We worship Jesus  
when we thank  
Him.

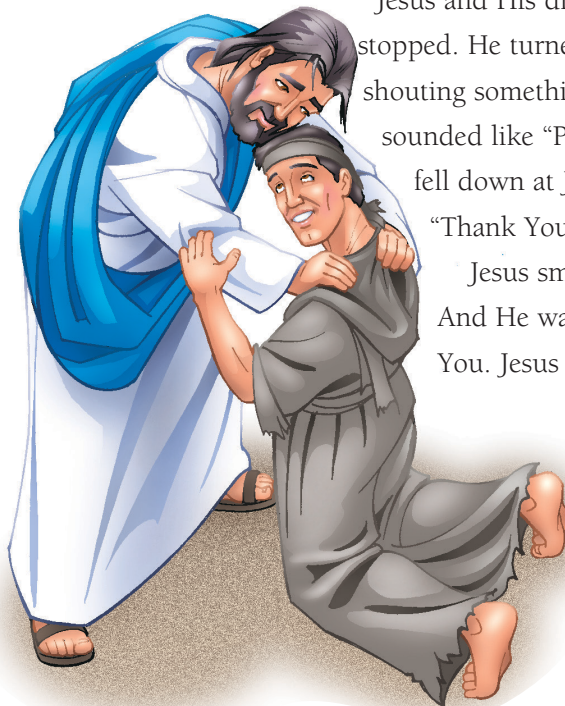
accident, lepers had to shout “Unclean! Unclean!” and hurry in the other direction.

These 10 lepers had heard about Jesus. They knew that He had made many people well. They wanted Him to make them well too. That’s why they called to Him.

Jesus loved them and He wanted to help them. So He said to them, “Go show yourselves to the priest at the Temple.”

In Jesus’ time the priest decided who had leprosy. The priest was the only one who could decide if a person was well.

Even though the men still had leprosy, they did what Jesus told them. They headed straight for the priest. And as they went they were healed! Their sores were gone, and their skin was nice and soft and new. They could feel their feet again. They could run! They couldn’t wait to see the priest! Soon they would be able to go home again!



Jesus and His disciples watched. Suddenly one man stopped. He turned around and came back. He was shouting something. Was it “Unclean, unclean”? No, it sounded like “Praise God! Praise God!” He ran back and fell down at Jesus’ feet. “Thank You, Jesus,” he said. “Thank You for making me well!”

Jesus smiled. He was glad the man was well. And He was glad the man came back to say thank You. Jesus turned to His disciples. “I know there were 10 men who were sick and who are well now. Where are the other nine?” He asked.

Jesus loves to make people happy. And He loves to hear people say thank You. Let’s be like the man who said thank You.

# Do and Say

## SABBATH

Read the lesson story together. Talk about things for which you and your child can thank God. Sing a thank-You song and say a thank-You prayer.

## SUNDAY

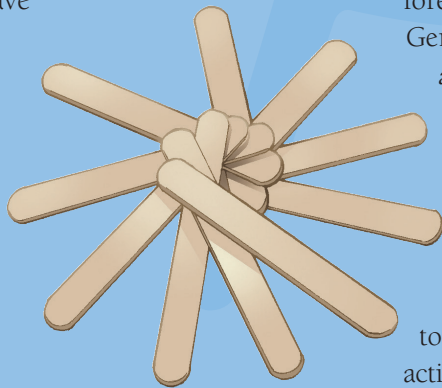
Ask your child to tell you about the ribbon on his or her finger. Every day this week sing the memory verse together to the tune of “Alleluia” (*Sing for Joy*, no. 16).

## MONDAY

Find 10 objects (blocks, craft sticks, stones, etc.). Help your child count them. How many people came back to thank Jesus? Put one object aside. Ask: Which group has more? The group that said thank You, or the group that didn't say thank You? If you had been with the lepers, would you have thanked Jesus? For what can you say thank You to Jesus now?

## TUESDAY

Place the 10 wood or stone “lepers” from yesterday in a pan or box with sand or soil



or cornmeal. Make one more person to represent Jesus. Help your child make a road and little houses. Act out the story by moving the “lepers” around and having one come back to say thank You to Jesus. Keep this to share with your family for Friday's worship.



## WEDNESDAY

Together, read the lesson story from Luke 17:11-19. Point to each verse as you read it. Let your child carefully hold the Bible while you “read” it together. Sing a thank-You song before prayer.

## THURSDAY

Help your child draw a picture of the lesson story. Say thank you to each other in a foreign language (Spanish: *gracias*; French: *merci*; German: *danke*; Chinese: *shie-shie*; Japanese: *arigato*). Write a thank-you note to someone.

## FRIDAY

At family worship, talk about God's healing power and have family members tell how He cares for them in different ways. Help your child act out the Bible story or do the motions to “Ten Men” on page 64. You can also use the activity from Tuesday to share the story. Sing thank-You songs to Jesus before you pray.